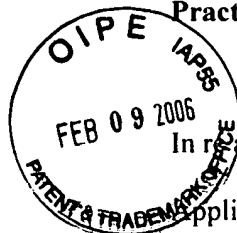


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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lee A. Nosbisch

Application No.: 10/699,535

Group No.: 1742 Confirmation No.: 2703

Filed: October 31, 2003

Examiner: Scott R. Kastler

For: STARTER SET FOR BRICK LINING OF LADLES USED IN HANDLING MOLTEN METAL

Mail Stop Amendment
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10*

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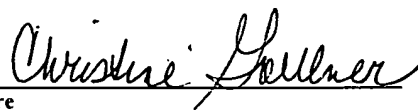
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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	20	— 22	= 0	x \$ 50.00	= \$ 0.00		
INDEP.	3	— 3	= 0	x \$ 200.00	= \$ 0.00		
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No additional fee for claims is required.

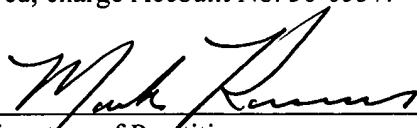
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.